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On 05-16-21 at approximately 1802 Sedro-Woolley Officers Katie WILSON and Rachael HUMBERG were at Skagit Valley Hospital ER in the city of Mount Vernon, Skagit County. OFC WILSON was acting as a field training officer for OFC HUMBERG. Officers had an in-custody who was receiving treatment in the ER before booking into Skagit County Jail.

While in an ER patient room with the in-custody subject both officers heard the sound of a loud upset male voice yelling. Both officers noted the male saying something about leaving. Officers went into the hallway and observed a male subject exiting another ER patient room with hospital staff following him in a C shape as he exited. OFC WILSON told the subject to just leave.

The male obtained his belongings from the room and returned outside and put his right hand into his sweatshirt pocket and manipulated the outside of his pocket with his left hand. He then withdrew a straight blade knife, approx. 5 inches in length, with a black blade and black handle. Officers heard the male state something like "how about this?" The male pointed the blade towards the nurses and doctors. Some of the staff were within arm's reach of the male holding the knife, while others were about 6 feet away. OFC WILSON was approximately 15 feet away from the male during her negotiating and giving commands to him. After the incident, a Doctor was interviewed and he stated to Mount Vernon Officers that he believed the subject was going to stab or cut him or another staff member.

Both officers attempted to find a location where they could intervene with their duty handgun but were unable to find a location where there was no staff or bystanders behind the male. OFC WILSON continued to engage the male verbally, telling him to leave since that is what he was wanting to do. The male moved from a location where he had multiple people he could assault within arm's reach and started to walk towards the exit. During this time the hospital was put

into lockdown. Officers moved with the male towards the exit door which led to the lobby of the ER. OFC WILSON ordered OFC HUMBERG to stay with the in-custody subject.

The male remained at the doors to the waiting room and OFC WILSON yelled to a nurse to evacuate that area. Officers later learned the nurse had to run around the hallway to another entrance to remove waiting patients from the waiting room. The male challenged OFC WILSON that he was not going to leave and removed the knife once more, however, the blade was covered in a plastic, black sheath. OFC WILSON convinced him again to continue leaving. He kicked the door to the waiting room forcefully and OFC WILSON could see waiting patients still running out of the room. He walked slowly to the foyer area with glass sliding doors and also remained here for a time. At this point, two other security guards were in the waiting room with OFC WILSON while she addressed the male.

The male told OFC WILSON that he would not leave until the police arrived. OFC WILSON pointed out her uniform and said she was the Police. With this, he fully left the building. OFC WILSON followed at a distance to keep the male within visibility but with a greater distance (likely 25-30 feet from her) while he stood on the sidewalk. OFC WILSON could hear sirens approaching the area from the north and the south of her location and OFC WILSON remained here until she saw Mount Vernon PD Officers arrived and take control of the scene. A nurse let OFC WILSON back into the hospital as it was locked down. She returned to OFC HUMBERG who was now back in the room with the in custody.

The male was taken into custody by MVPD. He was later charged with Assault 2nd, Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer, and harassment.

Please use the above information for consideration for recognition of OFC Katie Wilson.

Thank you,

Sergeant Paul Eaton

Handwritten signature of Sergeant Paul Eaton, appearing as "P. Eaton #50125".